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Executive for Administration and Management

1 December 1948

Chief, Services Branch, A & M

Inspection of Cargoes

1. Returned herewith is memorandum dated 17 November 1948 from the Assistant Director, Special Operations, subject same as above.

2. The memorandum reports referred to in Reference "A" of the subject memorandum were investigated and corrective action was taken by Services Branch as indicated in Reference "B" and by other memorandums issued both by the Chief, Services Branch and by the Chief, Supply Division, Services Branch to the Chief, Storage and Issue Section. The Chief, Storage and Issue Section has carried out, insofar as it can be determined, the instructions issued in this connection.

3. Some of the actions taken by the Supply Division, Services Branch, are as follows:

- a. Request to the GPO that delivery of supplies and publications by that agency to CIA be made without CIA markings.
  - b. Inspection of the interior of all safes to remove possible classified material, OSS or CIA identifying marks.
  - c. Instructions to [REDACTED] from which a large number of publications are obtained, that the practice of placing CIA marks on all magazines, periodicals, books, and publications which are purchased from this source be eliminated.
  - d. Detailed inspection by Receiving, and Packing and Crating Units of the Storage and Issue Section of all supplies, equipment and other materials scheduled for shipment to overseas GSO activities to eliminate all OSS or CIA markings. This procedure applies to the inspection of between 100 and 200 publications and other printed material which is forwarded to GSO installations each month.
4. The Storage and Issue Section, Supply Division, Services Branch, I believe, has taken every reasonable step to eliminate possible security violations of the type described in subject memorandum. The shipment

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contained under Cargo 16050-A was made during the month of July 1948 and since that time, it is believed that many corrective steps have been taken to eliminate possible security violations. However, the amount of detail required to inspect the large volume of printed publications and books being shipped to OSO overseas activities is time consuming, and is conducted by personnel whose knowledge of the importance of eliminating such possible violations is rather limited.

5. The inspection of printed material and books requires that every page be inspected as such markings may be indicated by sources of supply on any page. Books and other publications are purchased from so many sources that it is difficult to instruct and obtain compliance from every source of supply. Although it is believed that the Storage and Issue Section is carrying out all instructions, there is always the possibility that an oversight might occur. As long as vouchered funds are used and CIA purchase orders are issued for this purpose, identifying marks may be found on material shipped to overseas OSO activities. It is suggested, therefore, that OSO be authorized to procure books and other publications for OSO overseas activities from unvouchered funds in a more or less covert manner in order that the connection with CIA and any identifying marks can be absolutely eliminated. It is also recommended that some procedure be established whereby a review of the publications to be procured from unvouchered funds may be made and a determination reached that this method of procurement is necessary.

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